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Brooklyn VA Medical Center Hosts Women Veterans Health Conference

Brooklyn, May 17----More than 100 women veterans are expected to attend the 14th Annual Women Veterans Health Conference to be held on Friday, May 20th at the Brooklyn VA Medical Center. The program, which runs from 9:00 AM until 2:00PM in the Second Floor Assembly Room, will include welcoming remarks by Cynthia Caroselli RN, Ph.D. Associate Director/Patient Services.

The keynote speaker is Bonnie Mc Intosh, Womens Veterans' Program Manager and recently deployed member of the Army Reserves Combat Stress Control Company. Ms. McIntosh will speak of her experiences serving in Iraq.

Ms. McIntosh will be followed by a panel discussion focused on concerns of returning combat areas. The panel will include Robert Greene MSW, Combat Veteran Coordinator; Daniel Freedman, US VA Chaplain Andrew Sioleti; and Michelle Woodward, VA DOD TRICARE Coordinator.

"We are very proud of our Women Veterans Health Program," said John J. Donnellan Jr., Director. "We encourage all women veterans to attend the Health Conference and learn more about the services available to them at all VA New York Harbor Healthcare System medical campuses". A full continuum of women veterans' health care services are provided including primary care, gynecological services, psychosocial counseling and mammography.

Workshops addressing women's health, nutrition, benefits and eligibility will be conducted. Physicians, social workers, nurses, dietitians, psychologists and benefits counselors will be available to answer individual questions. For further information on the Women Veterans Health Conference or veterans health services call Women Veterans Program Managers Kathleen Mertz, MSW at (718) 836-6600 ext. 6793 or Karen Faber, MSW at (212) 951-3314.

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